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*Transforming Lives
through Organ Donation*



THE GIFT



IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THIS COMIC. OUR PROJECT ORIGINATED FROM AN HONEST CONVERSATION WITH MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE PROF CHRIS MURRAY: HOW TO COMMUNICATE COMPLEX ISSUES SURROUNDING THE ISSUE OF ORGAN DONATION? OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS I HAVE HAD THE HONOUR OF BEING AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE ORGAN DONATION CAMPAIGN BY TELLING MY SON, ANDREW'S, STORY.

THROUGH MY ROLE AS AN ORGAN DONATION AMBASSADOR I MEET COURAGEOUS AND SELFLESS PEOPLE. SOME ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF HOPE, SOME ARE IN THE POSITION TO PROVIDE HOPE, AND THOSE WHO, THROUGH THEIR PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION, TRANSFORM LIVES.

OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS: UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE; THE NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT SPECIALIST NURSES IN ORGAN DONATION; DUNDEE COMICS CREATIVE SPACE; GOOD LIFE, GOOD DEATH, GOOD GRIEF, AND THE ORGAN DONATION COMICS TEAM. IT IS ONLY THROUGH THEIR SUPPORT THAT THIS PROJECT CAME TO FRUITION.

IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES WE SHARE HEARTFELT STORIES AND LIFE EXPERIENCES RELATED TO ORGAN DONATION. BY DOING SO WE HOPE TO BRING AWARENESS TO A WIDER AUDIENCE AND PROMPT HONEST CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ORGAN DONATION.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY SONS ANDREW AND STUART FOR WARMING MY HEART. THROUGH TEARS AND LAUGHTER WE PRESENT TO YOU... **THE GIFT**.

MAYRA CROWE

SPANISH ORGANISER AND INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT OFFICER, UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE

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WITH THANKS TO LYNNE MALLEY (SN-OD) AND NEIL HEALY (SN-OD) FROM NHS BT, REBECCA PATTERSON, MARK HAZELWOOD AND ROBERT PEACOCK FROM GOOD LIFE, GOOD DEATH, GOOD GRIEF, AND DR SALLY PAUL FROM STRATHCLYDE UNIVERSITY.



ORGAN DONATION AN OVERVIEW



1902: THE FRENCH DOCTOR ALEXIS CARREL PIONEERS THE SURGICAL JOINING OF BLOOD VESSELS, WHICH LAID MUCH OF THE GROUNDWORK FOR LATER SUCCESSFUL TRANSPLANTS.

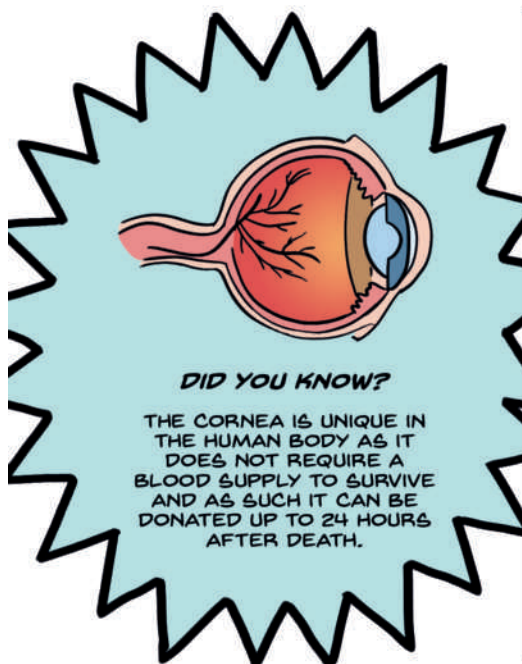


IN RECOGNITION OF HIS WORK, CARREL WAS AWARDED THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR MEDICINE IN 1912.

1905: MORAVIA (NOW PART OF THE MODERN-DAY CZECH REPUBLIC); DR EDUARD ZIRM CARRIED OUT THE WORLD'S FIRST SUCCESSFUL CORNEA TRANSPLANT, RESTORING THE SIGHT OF A LABOURER BLINDED IN AN ACCIDENT A YEAR EARLIER.



SOON AFTER THE OPERATION, THE PATIENT WAS ABLE TO SEE, AND RETAINED HIS EYESIGHT FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

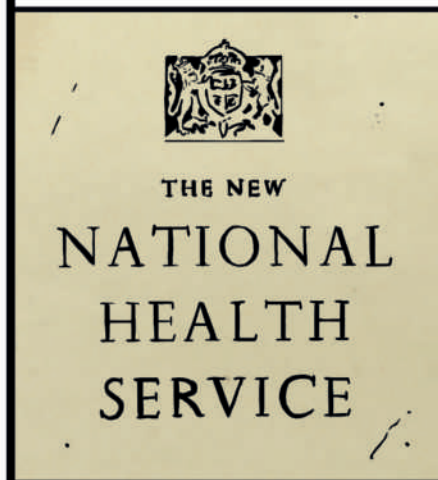


1918: DURING WORLD WAR I, THE BRITISH ARMY CREATED A 'BLOOD DEPOT' FOR WOUNDED TROOPS, USING ADVANCES IN ANTI-COAGULANTS AND BLOOD-TYPING TO STORE BLOOD FOR TRANSFUSION.

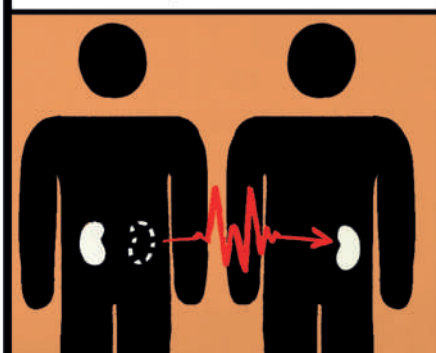


THIS WAS THE PREDECESSOR OF MODERN BLOOD BANKS.

1948: THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (NHS) IS ESTABLISHED IN THE UK TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE, AND IT WILL GO ON TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF DEVELOPING ORGAN DONATION TECHNOLOGY.



1954: DR JOSEPH MURRAY PERFORMS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL KIDNEY TRANSPLANT IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. HE AND HIS TEAM SUCCESSFULLY TRANSPLANT A KIDNEY FROM RONALD HERRICK TO HIS DYING TWIN BROTHER, RICHARD, SAVING HIS LIFE.



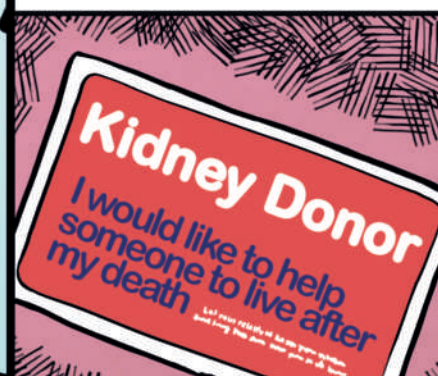
6 YEARS LATER, SIR MICHAEL WOODRUFF PERFORMS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL KIDNEY TRANSPLANT IN THE UK, IN EDINBURGH.



DID YOU KNOW?

IN THE UK, 30% OF TRANSPLANTED KIDNEYS ARE FROM LIVING DONORS, WHO CAN CONTINUE TO LEAD NORMAL HEALTHY LIVES WITH THE USE OF ONE KIDNEY.

BETWEEN 1960 AND 1989, SUCCESSFUL KIDNEY, HEART, LIVER, COMBINED HEART AND LUNG, AND LUNG-ONLY TRANSPLANTS ARE CARRIED OUT IN THE UK. CARDS FOR KIDNEY DONORS ARE INTRODUCED IN 1971.



*HISTORICAL INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THE NHS' 'HISTORY OF DONATION', AVAILABLE AT: [HTTPS://WWW.NHS.UK/TOOLS/DOCUMENTS/TRANSPLANT.HTML](https://www.nhs.uk/tools/documents/transplant.html)

1994: THE NHS ORGAN DONOR REGISTER IS ESTABLISHED TO CREATE A DATABASE TO HELP IDENTIFY DONORS' WISHES AND TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO SIGN UP AS ORGAN DONORS, SUCH AS IN DRIVING LICENCE APPLICATIONS.



CURRENTLY IN THE UK (EXCLUDING WALES) INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO DONATE CAN SIGN UP TO THE NHS ORGAN DONOR REGISTER AND MAKE THEIR DECISION KNOWN TO THEIR LOVED ONES. THIS IS KNOWN AS AN OPT-IN SYSTEM.



Rhoi Organau Cymru

Organ Donation Wales

IN 2015, WALES CHANGED ITS ORGAN DONATION LAWS TO AN 'OPT-OUT' OR 'DEEMED CONSENT' SYSTEM. THIS MEANS THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO DON'T WANT TO BE AN ORGAN DONOR NEED TO SAY SO, OTHERWISE THEY MAY BE DEEMED AS HAVING NO OBJECTION.

THE ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH GOVERNMENTS ARE PLANNING TO MOVE TOWARDS A 'DEEMED CONSENT' SYSTEM, SIMILAR TO WALES, OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.



FOR MANY PEOPLE, ORGAN DONATION AND END OF LIFE WISHES CAN BE DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS, AND NEED TO BE TREATED WITH CARE AND SENSITIVITY.



WHICHEVER SYSTEM IS IN PLACE, IT'S WORTH DISCOVERING MORE ABOUT ORGAN DONATION, AND ADDRESSING SOME OF THE MISCONCEPTIONS THAT SURROUND THIS PROCESS -- ESPECIALLY WHEN IT CAN TRANSFORM OR SAVE LIVES.

FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE WORKED WITH ORGAN RECIPIENTS, DONORS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WHO SPECIALISE IN ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTS, TO BRING YOU THEIR STORIES.



THESE STORIES COME FROM MAYRA CROWE, THE MOTHER OF A DONOR, A SPECIALIST NURSE IN THE NHS ORGAN DONATION TEAM, AND A RECIPIENT.



END

ANDREW'S STORY



FOR THE
LAST SEVERAL YEARS
I HAVE BEEN AN ORGAN
DONATION AMBASSADOR
IN SCOTLAND.

FOR ME, BEING AN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION
AMBASSADOR PROVIDES A PLATFORM TO TELL
MY SON'S STORY...



ANDREW
DIED SUDDENLY
FROM A BRAIN
ANEURISM. MY
FAMILY AND I
WERE FACED WITH
A CHALLENGING
DECISION.

WE HAD NEVER SPOKEN TO ANDREW ABOUT
ORGAN DONATION. WE DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT HIS WISHES WOULD BE.



WE
THOUGHT
A LOT ABOUT
THE PERSON
HE WAS...



Cadet Andrew Crowe
promise to honour my
God, my Queen and my
country, and to do my
best, to serve them
loyally and honourably,
through the Brechin
Black Watch Detachment
of the Argyll and Dundee
Battalion of the Army
Cadet Force, to which
I now belong.

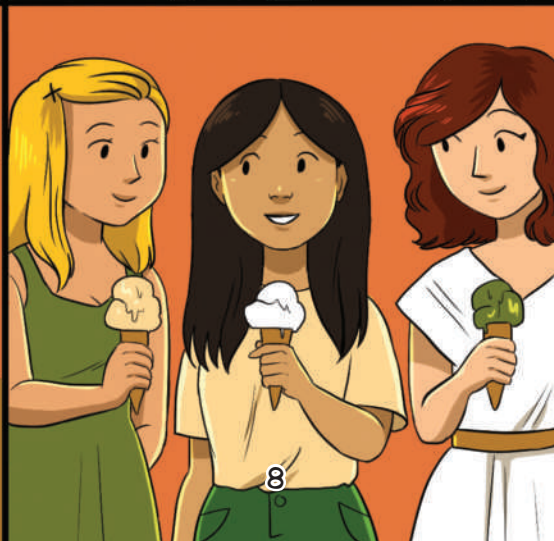




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IN THE END
IT WAS CLEAR
WHAT ANDREW
WOULD HAVE
WANTED.

THANKS
TO ANDREW,
NINE PEOPLE
NOW ENJOY
A RENEWED
QUALITY OF
LIFE.



INSPIRED
BY HELPING
OTHERS, I FELT
IT IMPORTANT
TO SHARE OUR
STORY...



BEING AN AMBASSADOR HAS GIVEN ME OPPORTUNITIES TO GO TO NEW PLACES AND TAKE ON NEW CHALLENGES.



MY AIM IS NOT TO TELL PEOPLE WHAT TO DO, BUT TO INFORM THEM OF THEIR OPTIONS AND TO MAKE SURE THEY TELL THEIR RELATIVES IF THEY WANT TO DONATE.

I WAS INVITED TO TELL MY STORY AS PART OF A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY FOR THE NEW 'OPT OUT' BILL.



RECENTLY, MEDIA COVERAGE HAS SHED LIGHT ON MEDICAL ADVANCES IN ORGAN DONATION.



HOW FAR CAN ORGAN DONATION TAKE YOU?

Livers have been found to be able to go to three different...

Read on Pg 8

UK TO INTRODUCE NEW "OPT-OUT" SYSTEM FOR ORGAN DONATION IN 2020

For years, to donate your organs you have had to sign up. Now, it might be the opposite. Keep reading!

YOU CAN STILL DONATE YOUR ORGANS!

Recent studies have found that people can still donate

... ...

SWIPE UP TO READ!



I RECALL THE FIRST
RECIPIENT I EVER
MET. WE WERE AT AN
ANNUAL MEMORIAL
SERVICE FOR THOSE
TOUCHED BY ORGAN
DONATION.



AFTERWARDS,
HE TALKED TO ME
ABOUT HIS GUILT
AT RECEIVING A
DONATION.



HE WAS
COMFORTED
TO HEAR MY
STORY...



...AND LEARN
OF A RELATIVE'S
PERSPECTIVE.

ORGAN DONATION HAS GIVEN ME A SENSE OF
COMMUNITY, ENABLING ME TO CONNECT WITH
PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCES.



THEY LIVE IT DAY IN AND DAY OUT -
THEY ARE **SUPERHEROES**.



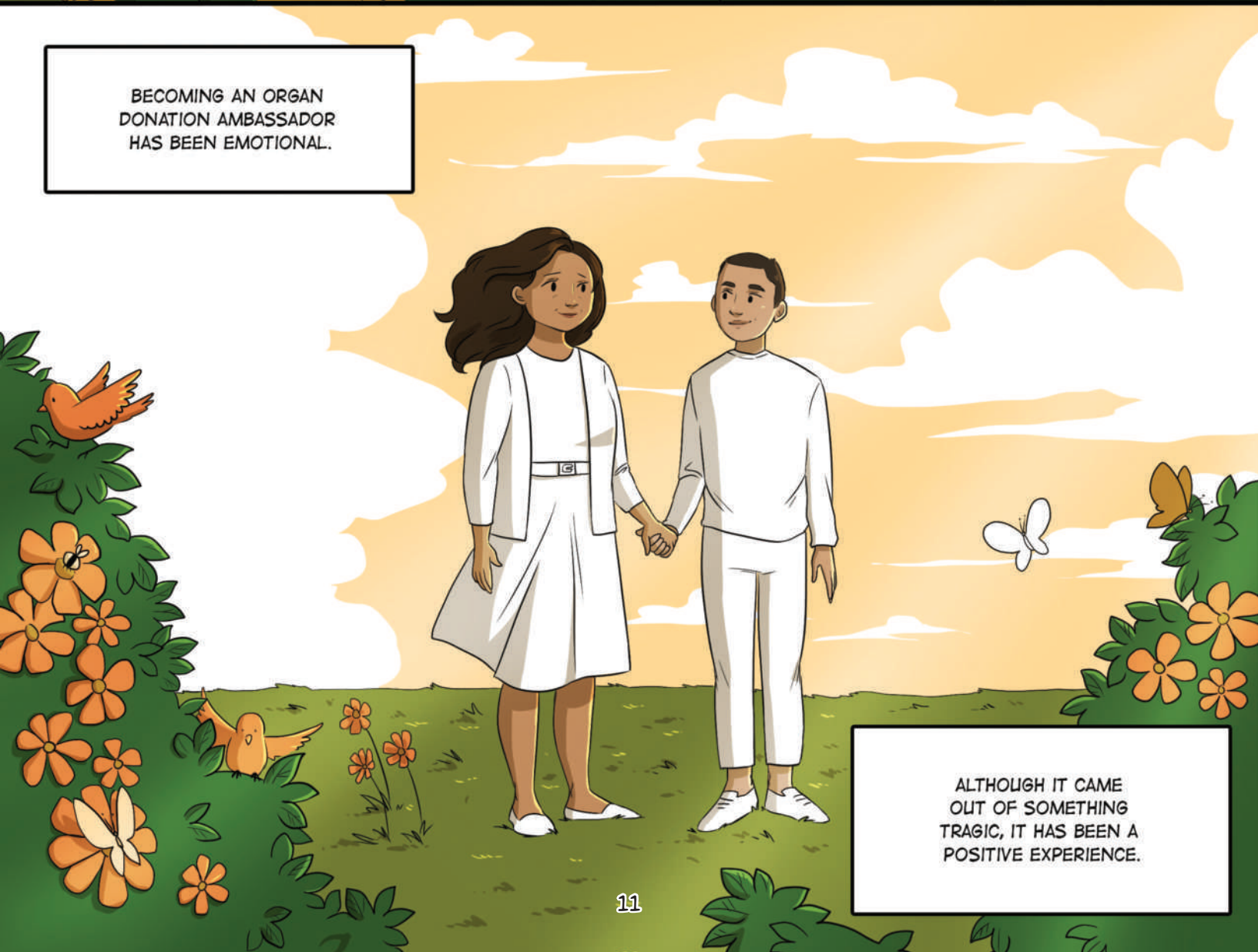
ONE OF THE BIGGEST THINGS THAT SURPRISED ME THROUGHOUT MY WORK WITH ORGAN DONATION WAS WHEN A 15-YEAR OLD CONTACTED ME, SAYING HE HAD SEEN ME ON TV AND PUT HIS NAME ON THE DONATION LIST.



TO ME, ORGAN DONATION IS A CONTINUATION OF LIFE. IT IS A PRICELESS GIFT.

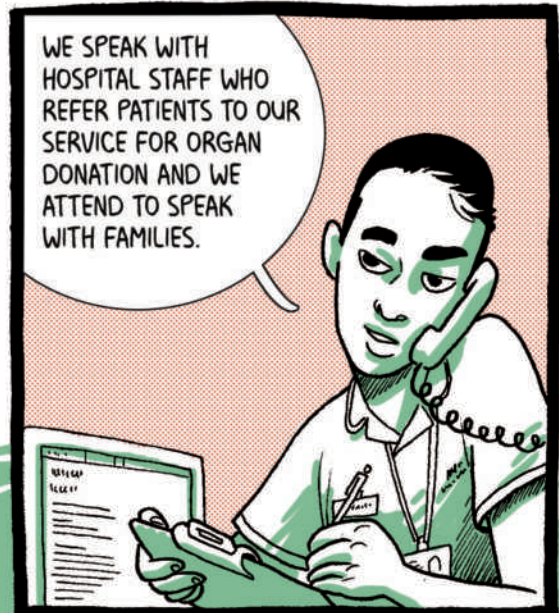


BECOMING AN ORGAN DONATION AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN EMOTIONAL.



ALTHOUGH IT CAME OUT OF SOMETHING TRAGIC, IT HAS BEEN A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE.

THE PROCESS OF ORGAN DONATION



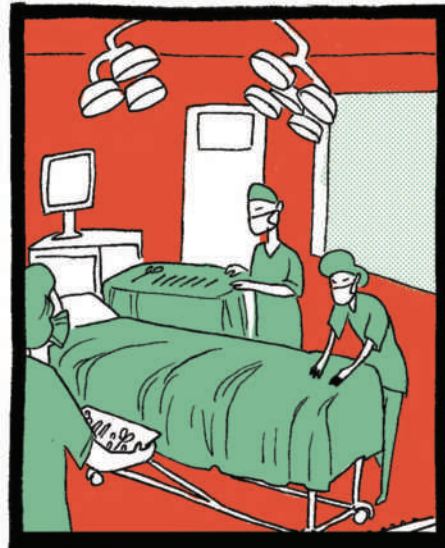
ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS WE DO IS SPEAK WITH FAMILIES ABOUT THEIR DECISIONS.

WE ARE MEETING THE FAMILIES AT AN EMOTIONAL TIME FOR THEM.

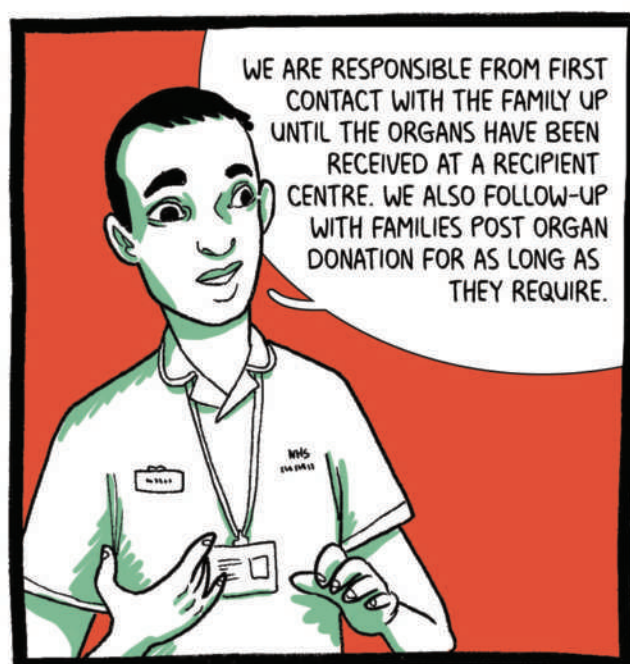


WE ARE THERE TO SUPPORT THE FAMILIES WHATEVER THEIR DECISION.





ONCE WE MATCH THE ORGANS WITH A RECIPIENT, WE MOBILISE A SPECIALIST SURGICAL TEAM TO THE HOSPITAL AND FACILITATE THE THEATRE PROCESS.





WHEN NOT DEALING DIRECTLY WITH THE ORGAN DONATION PROCESS, I WORK A MORE 9-5 DAY JOB, CENTRED AROUND ORGAN DONATION AUDIT, PROMOTION AND EDUCATION.

THIS CAN INVOLVE GOING INTO SCHOOLS TO TEACH SENIOR SCHOOL PUPILS,

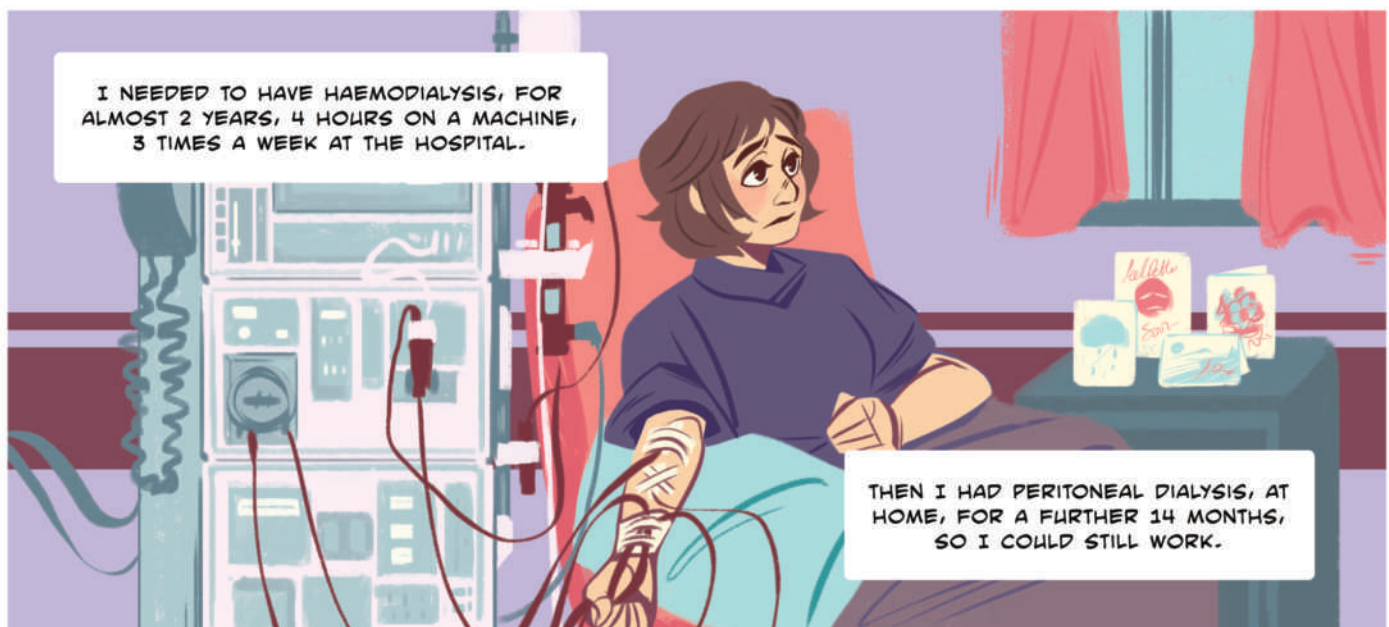
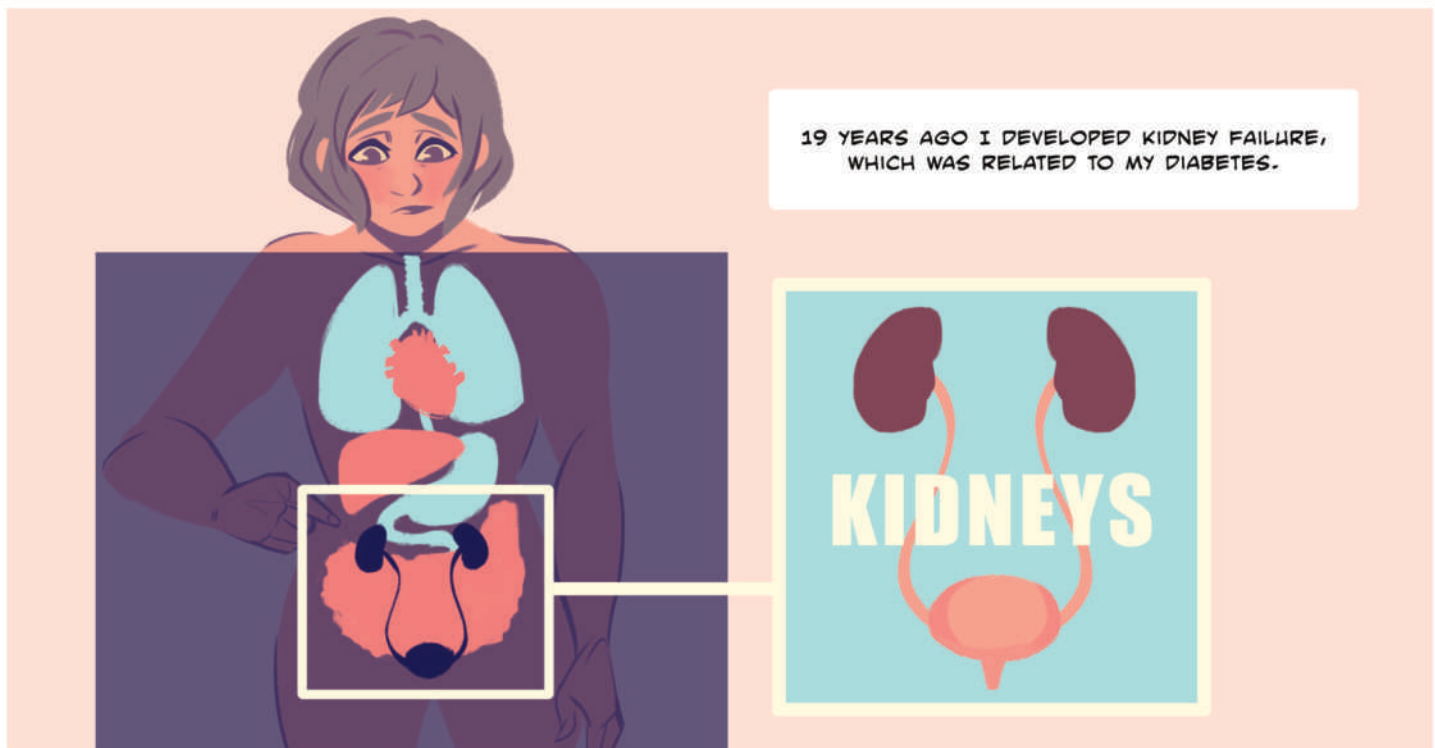
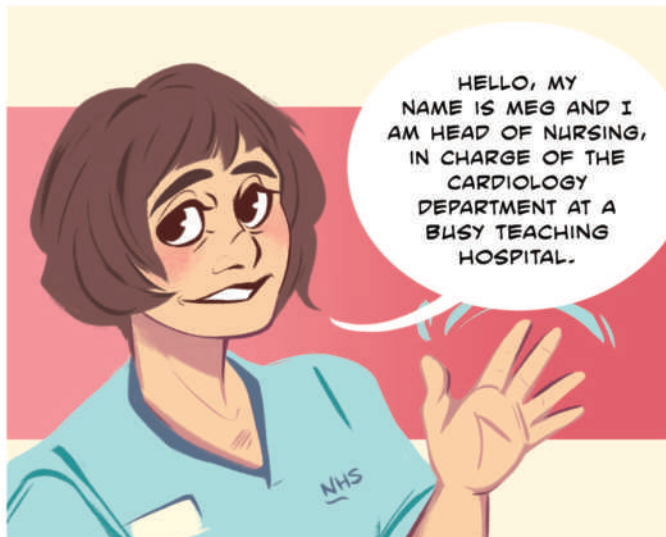
OR TRAINING MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF ABOUT OUR WORK AND THEIR ROLE IN THE PROCESS.

ORGAN DONATION TEAMS HOST A CEREMONY EVERY YEAR WHERE DONOR FAMILIES ARE PRESENTED WITH AN ORDER OF ST JOHN AWARD TO RECOGNISE THE SELFLESS CONTRIBUTION THAT ORGAN DONATION HAS MADE TO ADD LIFE AND GIVE HOPE TO OTHERS IN NEED.

THROUGH THEIR LOVED ONE'S DONATION THEY HAVE GIVEN THE INCREDIBLE GIFT OF LIFE TO SOMEONE ELSE.

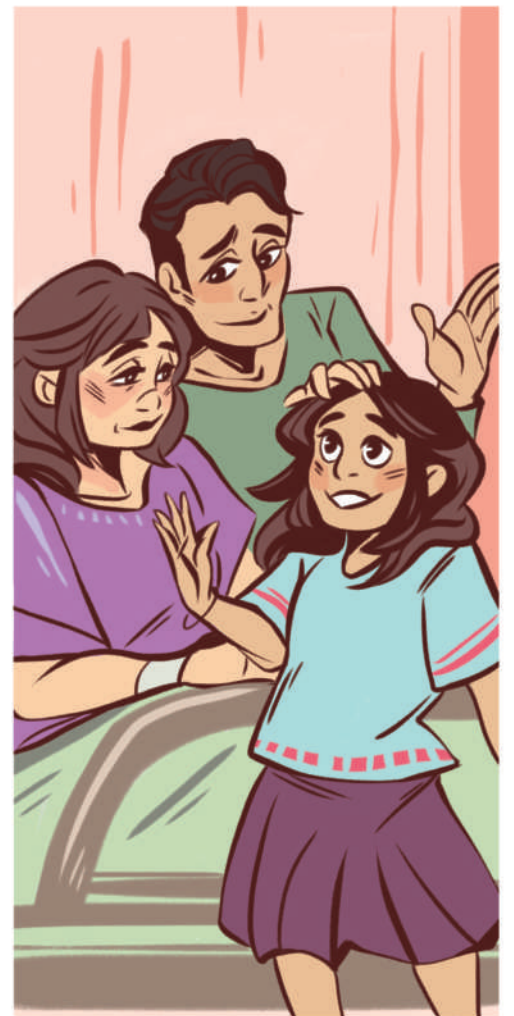
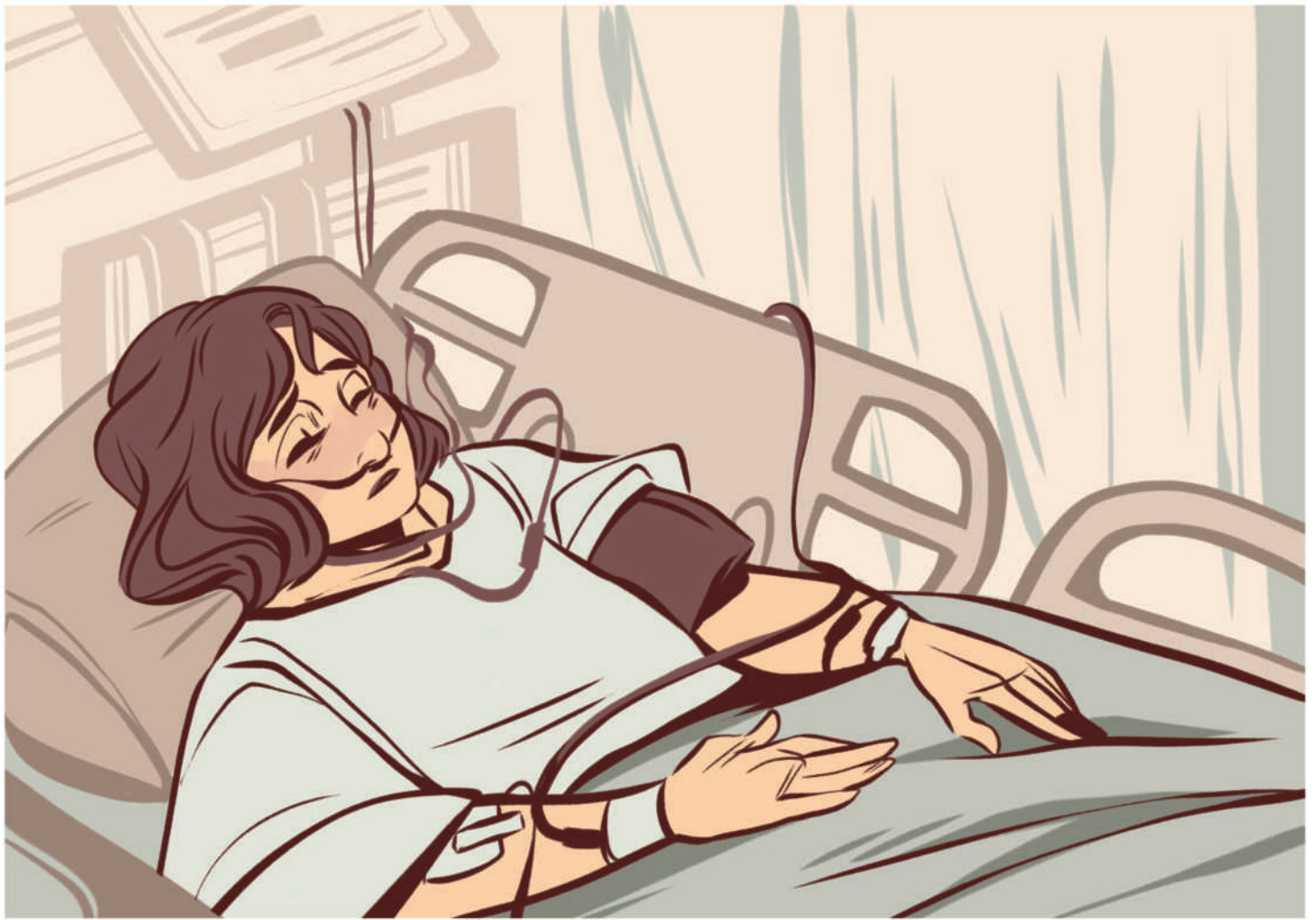
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ORGAN DONATION PLEASE VISIT WWW.ORGANDONATIONSCOTLAND.ORG

A RECIPIENT'S STORY



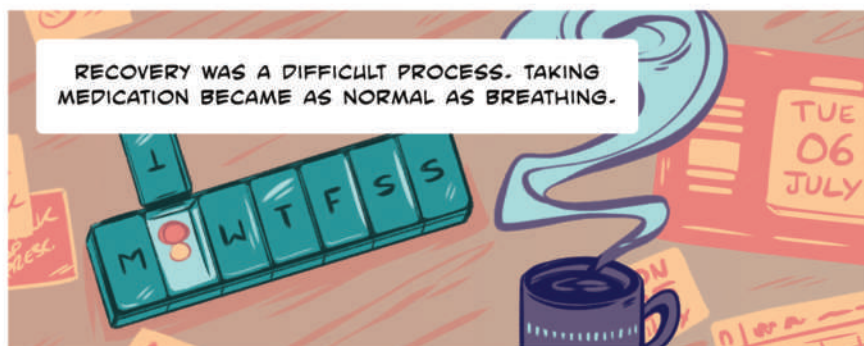




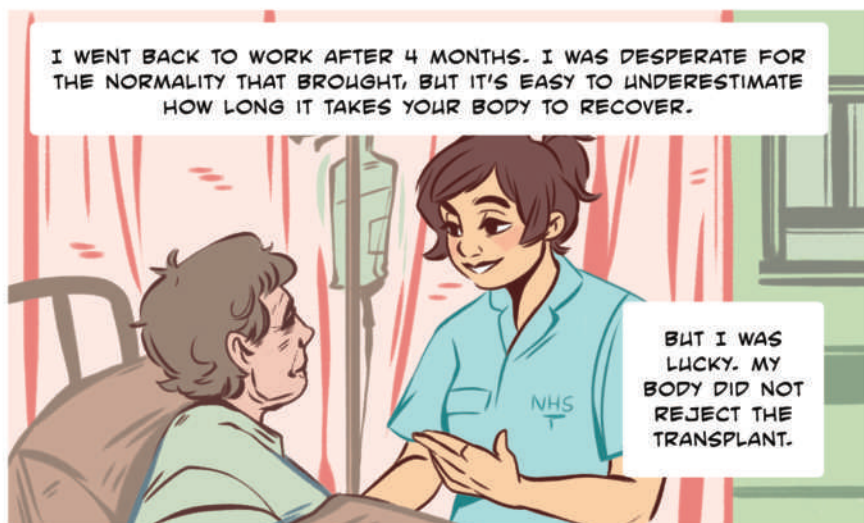




MY LIFE HAS CHANGED HUGEY. IT PROBABLY TOOK ABOUT A YEAR OR SO TO FEEL REALLY WELL.



RECOVERY WAS A DIFFICULT PROCESS. TAKING MEDICATION BECAME AS NORMAL AS BREATHING.



I WENT BACK TO WORK AFTER 4 MONTHS. I WAS DESPERATE FOR THE NORMALITY THAT BROUGHT, BUT IT'S EASY TO UNDERESTIMATE HOW LONG IT TAKES YOUR BODY TO RECOVER.

BUT I WAS LUCKY. MY BODY DID NOT REJECT THE TRANSPLANT.



STILL, SIMPLE THINGS LIKE TAKING A HOLIDAY AND GETTING INSURANCE WERE NOW BIG PROBLEMS.

I DIDN'T GO ABROAD FOR MANY YEARS.



ONE OF THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE TRANSPLANT IS THAT I AM NOT DIABETIC ANYMORE.

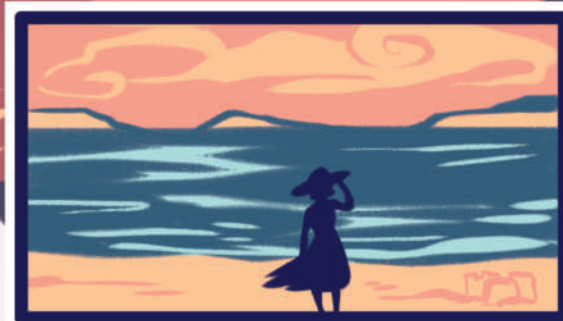
THOUGH I HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR SOURCES OF INFECTION. I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL AROUND CHILDREN, ANIMALS, AND TO MAKE SURE FOOD ISN'T OUT OF DATE.



I TAKE MEDICATION TWICE A DAY AND WILL FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. I HAVE HOSPITAL VISITS EVERY THREE MONTHS TO KEEP AN EYE ON WEIGHT AND BLOOD PRESSURE, BUT THESE ARE THINGS WE ALL SHOULD DO, REALLY. I JUST HAVE TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL.



THINGS HAVE REALLY CHANGED SINCE THE TRANSPLANT. I DO MORE EXERCISE NOW, I HAVE BEEN ON HOLIDAY, I HAVE BOUNDLESS ENERGY FOR MY AGE!



I FEEL LIKE THERE'S NOTHING I CAN'T DO ANYMORE.



16 YEARS DOWN THE LINE, IT IS HARD TO REMEMBER I HAVE HAD A TRANSPLANT, OTHER THAN THE SCARS ON MY STOMACH.

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO REMIND YOURSELF YOU AREN'T SUPERHUMAN.





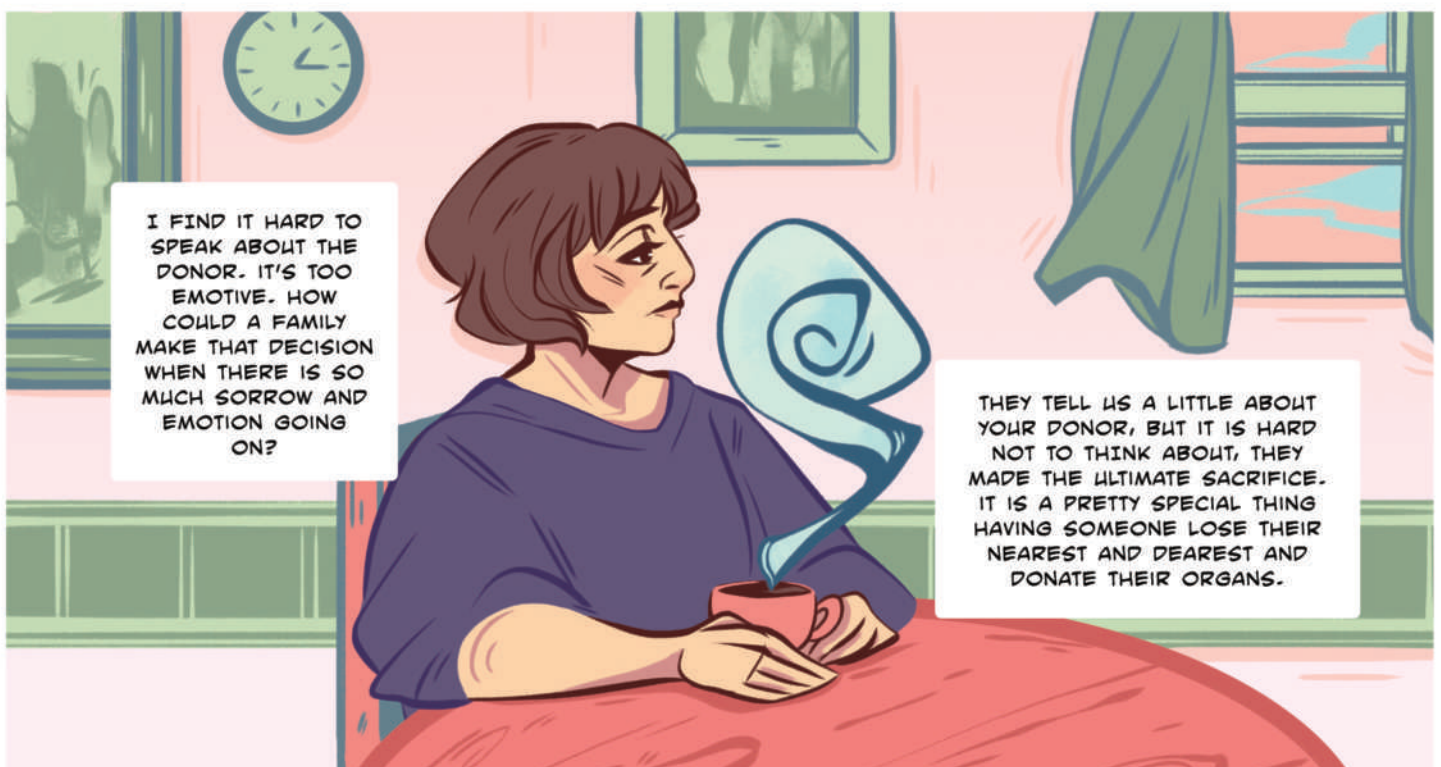
THE MEDICATION CAN HAVE SIDE-EFFECTS. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT YOU ARE MORE PHOTSENSITIVE AFTER A TRANSPLANT, AND THERE'S MORE CHANCE OF SKIN CANCER.

THERE ARE RISKS OF CERVICAL CANCER, AND IN GENERAL THE RISK OF CANCER IS HIGHER. BUT THOSE RISKS ARE THERE WHETHER YOU ARE A TRANSPLANT PATIENT OR NOT.



IT IS IMPORTANT TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT ORGAN DONATION. I NEVER THOUGHT MUCH ABOUT IT BEFORE I NEEDED A TRANSPLANT.

I HAVE BEEN TO MY NEPHEW'S SCHOOL, TALKED WITH KIDS ABOUT IT. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO CARRY A CARD OR SIGN UP, YOU MUST DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR FAMILY SO THEY KNOW YOUR WISHES.



I FIND IT HARD TO SPEAK ABOUT THE DONOR. IT'S TOO EMOTIVE. HOW COULD A FAMILY MAKE THAT DECISION WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH SORROW AND EMOTION GOING ON?

THEY TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR DONOR, BUT IT IS HARD NOT TO THINK ABOUT, THEY MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. IT IS A PRETTY SPECIAL THING HAVING SOMEONE LOSE THEIR NEAREST AND DEAREST AND DONATE THEIR ORGANS.



IF YOU THINK ABOUT HOW
DIFFICULT LIFE IS FOR PEOPLE
PRIOR TO GETTING A
TRANSPLANT, AND THEN HOW
TRANSFORMED THEIR LIVES
ARE AFTERWARDS, IT IS TRULY
PHENOMENAL.

A TRANSPLANT IS A GIFT,
AND ONE THAT MAKES AN
ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE
IN PEOPLE'S LIVES!

GOOD LIFE, GOOD DEATH, GOOD GRIEF: AN INTRODUCTION



GOOD LIFE, GOOD DEATH, GOOD GRIEF IS AN ALLIANCE OF ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WORKING TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF WAYS OF DEALING WITH DEATH, DYING AND BEREAVEMENT. THE ALLIANCE AIMS TO MAKE SCOTLAND A PLACE WHERE THERE IS MORE OPENNESS ABOUT THESE ISSUES SO THAT PEOPLE ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER THROUGH THE DIFFICULT TIMES THAT CAN COME WITH LOSS.

THE ALLIANCE IS WORKING TOWARDS A SCOTLAND WHERE:

- PEOPLE ARE **WELL-INFORMED** ABOUT THE PRACTICAL, LEGAL, MEDICAL, FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH DEATH, DYING AND BEREAVEMENT;
- THERE ARE **ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES** FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES, AND IT IS NORMAL TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE;
- **PUBLIC POLICIES** ACKNOWLEDGE AND INCORPORATE DEATH AND DYING;
- **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES** SUPPORT PLANNING AHEAD AND ENABLE CHOICE AND CONTROL IN CARE TOWARDS THE END OF LIFE;
- WHERE **COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS ARE BETTER EQUIPPED** TO HELP EACH OTHER THROUGH THE HARD TIMES WHICH CAN COME WITH DEATH, DYING AND BEREAVEMENT.

SOME STATISTICS TO CONSIDER...

- 74% OF PEOPLE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED WHAT THEIR WISHES WOULD BE IF THEY DID NOT HAVE LONG TO LIVE.
- FOR 61% OF THESE PEOPLE, THIS IS BECAUSE THEY FEEL 'TOO YOUNG' TO DISCUSS DEATH, OR BECAUSE DEATH 'FEELS A LONG WAY OFF'.
- 79% OF PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ANY WRITTEN PLANS FOR THEIR END OF LIFE CARE, FINANCIAL WISHES OR FUNERAL PLANS.
- ONLY 35% OF PEOPLE HAVE WRITTEN A WILL.

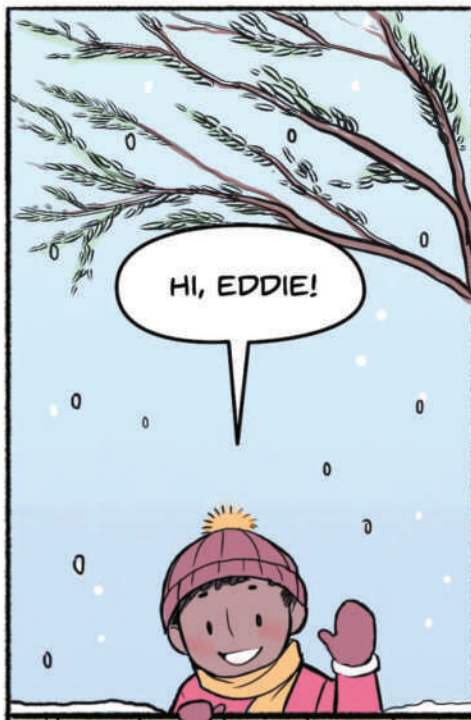
ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION INTERESTED IN FURTHERING THE AIMS OF GOOD LIFE, GOOD DEATH, GOOD GRIEF IS WELCOME TO JOIN FOR FREE. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE AIMS OF THE ALLIANCE, AND TO FIND WAYS OF UNDERTAKING AND SUSTAINING THESE INITIATIVES.

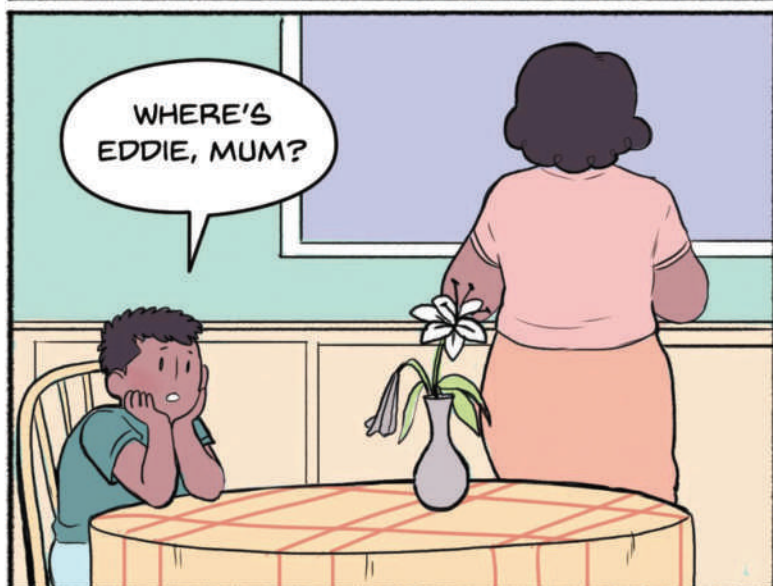
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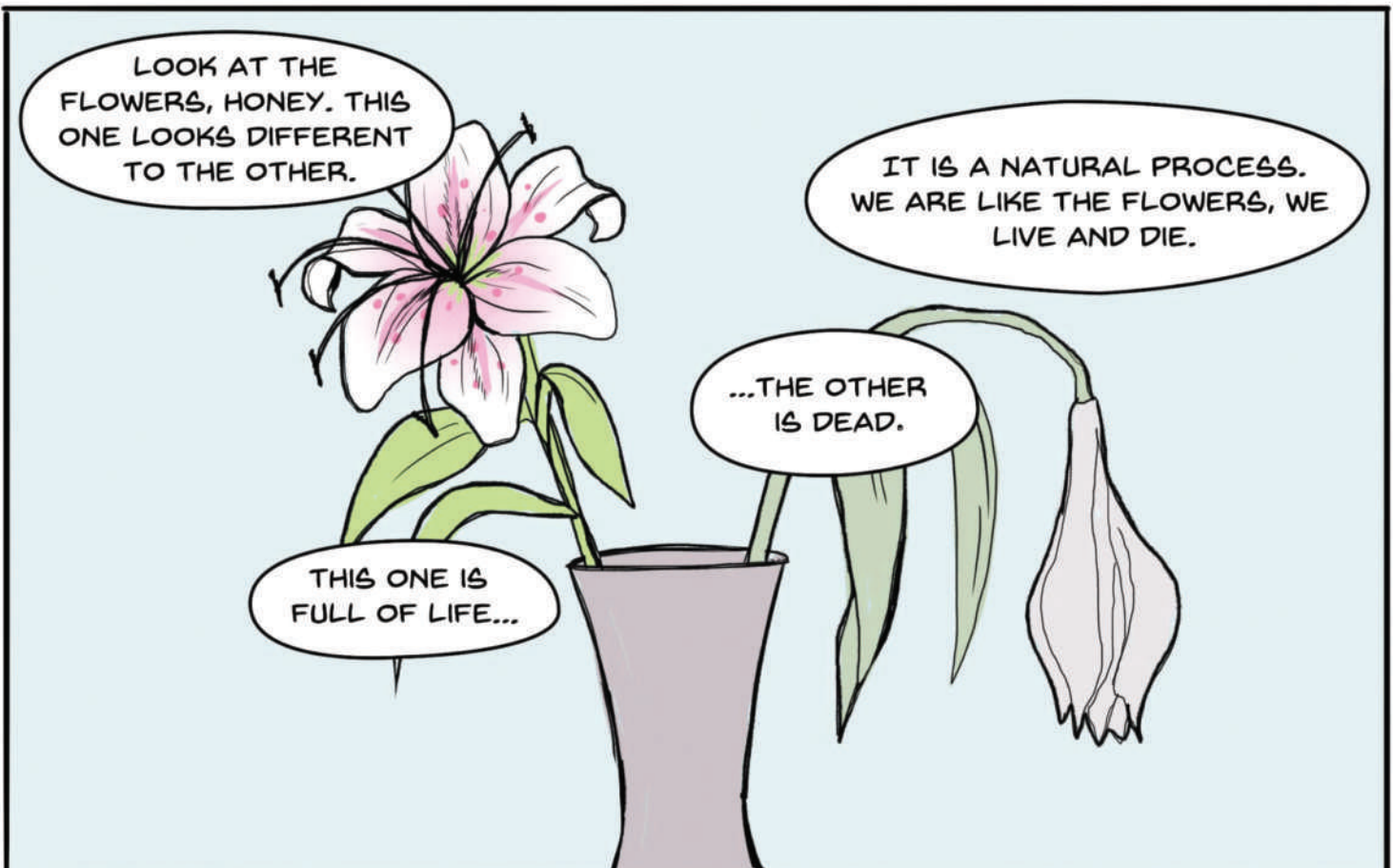
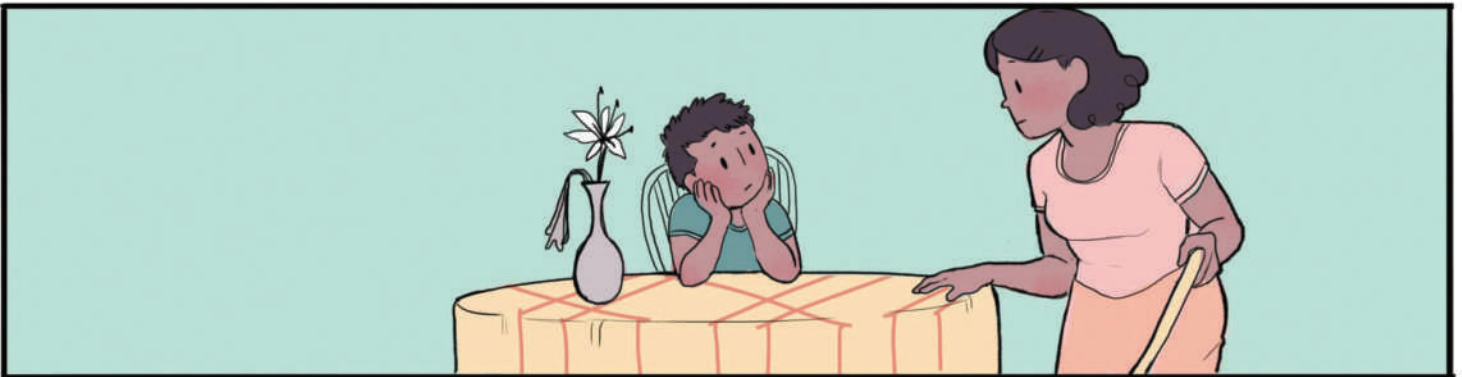
MAX PLANTS A FLOWER FOR OLD EDDIE - A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

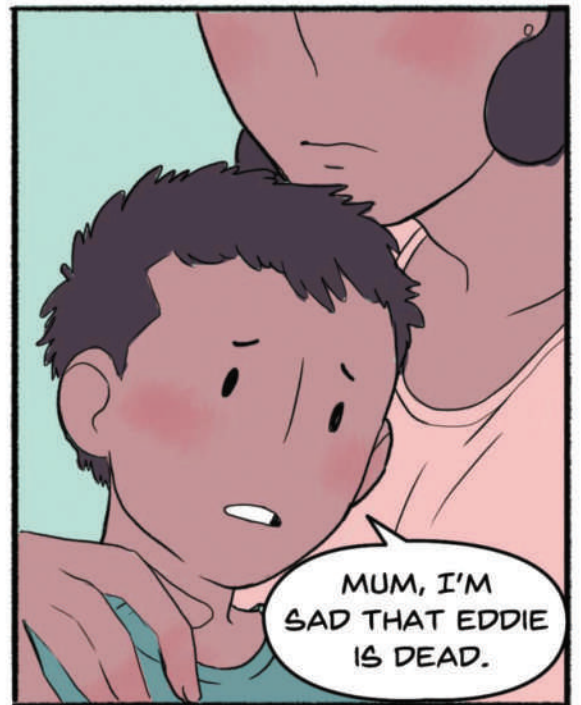
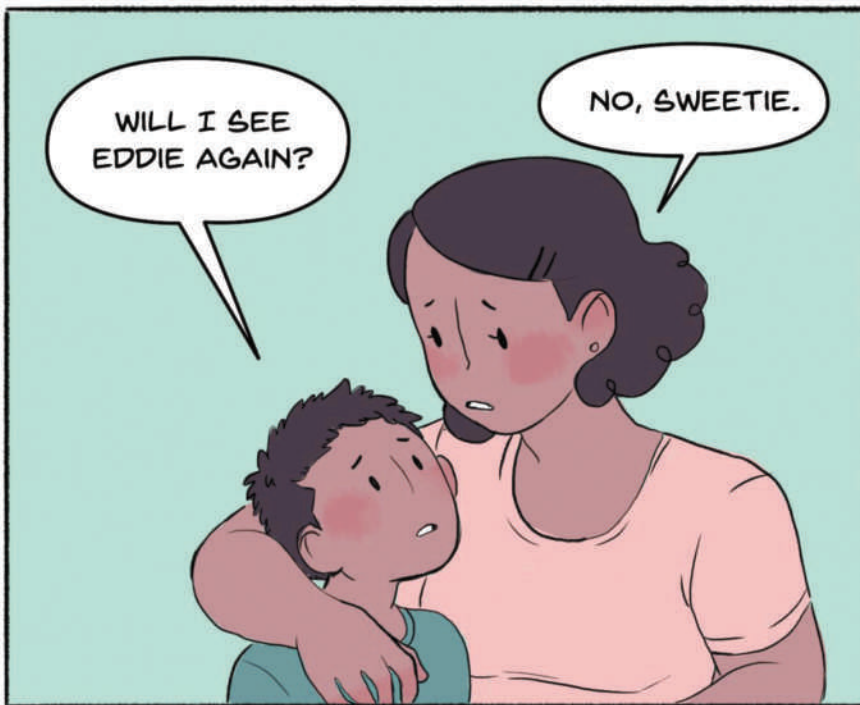
THE STORIES IN THIS COMIC TOUCH ON THE DIFFICULTIES OF DISCUSSING ORGAN DONATION. IT IS HOPED THAT BY SHARING THESE STORIES, CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS SUBJECT CAN BECOME A LITTLE EASIER. AS RECOUNTED IN ANDREW'S STORY, GRIEF AND LOSS ARE PART OF THE PROCESS. MANY PEOPLE FIND DISCUSSING THESE ISSUES DIFFICULT, AND CAN BE UNSURE OF HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT DEATH. DR LAURA FINDLAY AND ARTIST CATRIONA LAIRD HAVE WORKED WITH GOOD LIFE, GOOD DEATH, GOOD GRIEF TO CREATE A COMIC STRIP, "MAX PLANTS A FLOWER FOR OLD EDDIE" THAT EXPLORES HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT DEATH. THIS STORY ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPATHY AND HONESTY WHEN DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT WITH ANYONE.

Max Plants a Flower for Old Eddie









PROCESS WORK

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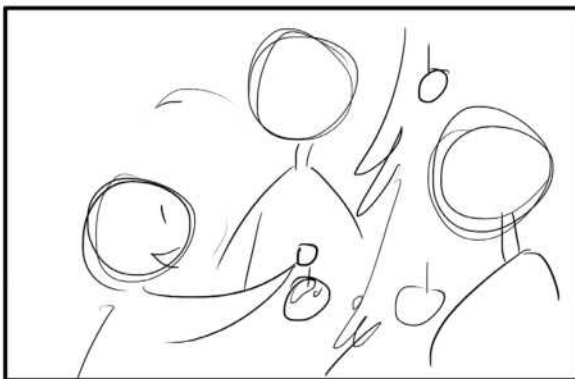
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ANDREW'S STORY - STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS BY ASHLING LARKIN

THUMBNAIL

ROUGH



INK

COLOUR



THE PROJECT

THE PROJECT WAS INITIATED BY A LOCAL DONOR FAMILY MEMBER IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE. THE AIM OF THE PROJECT WAS TO CREATE AN ILLUSTRATED COMIC FOR USE A RESOURCES THAT CAN BE USED IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS INCLUDING SCHOOL EDUCATION, HOSPITAL WAITING ROOMS, AND MEDICAL/NURSING STUDENT EDUCATION.



THE UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE TEAM: GOLNAR NABIZADEH, MAYRA CROWE, DAMON HERD (BACK), CHRIS MURRAY, PHILLIP VAUGHAN, LAURA FINDLAY & MEGAN SINCLAIR.



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